

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD A. KOZIARZ

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to pay tribute to Edward A. Koziarz on the occasion of his being honored for his twenty-five years of service to the members of Plumbers Local Union No. 1, U.A.

The members of the Plumbers Local Union No. 1 have long been known for their commitment to community service and to enhancing the quality of life for all New York City residents.

This gathering is not only a festive happening, it is a chance for all of us to celebrate and pay tribute to a man who has dedicated his life to helping others. Edward A. Koziarz, truly represents the best of what our community has to offer.

Edward A. Koziarz was born on November 13, 1936 in Ozone Park, New York. He and his loving wife, Annette, have three wonderful children and have taken great pride and joy in the successes of their four grandchildren.

Edward A. Koziarz was initiated into Plumbers Local #1 and appointed as a United Association Organizer in June of 1974. Since his election on July 1, 1978, Edward A. Koziarz has served as Local #1's Business Agent, a post he holds to this very day. Edward A. Koziarz has also served his brothers in Local #1 by serving as a delegate to United Association Conventions in 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991 and 1996.

Edward A. Koziarz has been among the pre-eminent labor leaders of New York City Civil Service Skilled Tradesman since 1974 and is one of the Founding Fathers of the New York City Comptroller's Prevailing Wage Council.

Edward A. Koziarz has long been known as an innovator and beacon of good will to all those with whom he has come into contact. Through his dedicated efforts, he has helped to improve my constituents' quality of life. In recognition of his many accomplishments on behalf of my constituents, I offer my congratulations on his being honored by Plumbers Local Union No. 1, U.A. in recognition of his twenty-five years of service to the Union as an Organizer and Business Agent.

MONTELLO STUDENTS SPACE
SEED PROJECT ON SPACE SHUTTLE
DISCOVERY

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, this past year, students from Montello, Wisconsin worked on a project that entailed an international experiment which was included on last fall's historic Discovery space shuttle flight.

The experiment involved vials of lettuce seeds from Wisconsin and chicory seeds from Italy being subjected to micro gravity, extreme heat and cold during the NASA flight. While in

space, the project was tended by astronaut John Glenn. The seeds are being studied to determine the effects of space travel. Early results indicated that the space seeds did as well as the control seeds despite not being fertilized. This unexpected finding could have far-reaching implications for the environment.

The school-wide project included students of different ages and the central theme allowed all types of classes to be involved, such as English, history, and agriculture. The seed project, "Growing Montello Transglobally" is a joint effort with students from the Il Montello region of Italy. The students communicated over the Internet using an Italian translator program.

During a visit to Montello High in January, I had the opportunity to discuss the project with the students and was impressed by their interests and abilities. I toured classes where students had participated in computer portions of the project, from sharing and tracking information with their sister school in Montello, Italy, to downloading and sending digital photographs. I was also impressed by a video documentary of the project and related activities that was made in conjunction with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).

The Wisconsin students were able to go to Florida to view the Discovery launch in October. They raised their own money for the trip through a variety of fund-raisers which included selling cookies and T-shirts and hosting a spaghetti dinner.

Seventh and eighth grade students in the Montello School system are co-authoring a children's picture book. The students developed their own ideas for the characters, plot, settings, and illustrations featuring children from Montello, Italy and Montello, Wisconsin. The book will feature NASA projects as seen from the children's perspective. They will be submitting the book to a professional publisher. A literacy quilt was created to highlight the success of the NASA Project.

Catherine Ellenbecker, teacher, has been asked to have the students do a multimedia presentation on the seed project at the Naval Academy in Annapolis in September.

The time and effort the students of Montello, Wisconsin and Il Montello of Italy put into this project was phenomenal and their achievements and successes should be recognized. I believe these students deserve a full measure of praise for all they have accomplished.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. MICHAEL G.
WEISS

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention today the fine work and outstanding contributions of Dr. Michael G. Weiss. Congregation Emanu El of San Bernardino, CA, will honor Dr. Weiss on June 5 as this year's recipient of the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award for distinguished service to the congregation and community. He will be recognized at a dinner dance which will also commemorate the 108th anniversary of the chartering of the congregation.

The Norman F. Feldheim Award was established to pay tribute to those members of Congregation Emanu El who have, in their own lives, reflected Rabbi Feldheim's qualities of love for and loyalty to the synagogue, service to the community, as well as evidencing personal traits of humility, loving kindness, care, and love. Dr. Weiss has been a particularly devoted leader of Congregation Emanu El through his 10-year service as a member of the board of directors as well as treasurer, vice president, and, from 1996-98, president of the congregation. Over the years, Dr. Weiss has been a tremendous inspiration to others through his love for Judaism and his commitment and devotion to the synagogue.

Dr. Weiss is also a widely recognized and highly respected member of the faculty of the Department of Psychology at California State University at San Bernardino. He is a psychotherapist in private practice as well as a consultant to numerous mental health facilities throughout the Inland Empire. A prolific author, Dr. Weiss has conducted research and written extensively on parenting, sexual awareness, and foster parenting.

Dr. Weiss has also given generously of his time to numerous civic and community-based organizations including Mothers Against Sexual Abuse, San Bernardino Child Advocacy Program, the Children's Network of San Bernardino County, and the Center for Counseling and Parenting. In addition, he has been particularly active as an educator before numerous civic, religious, and professional groups at the local and national level.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and our colleagues in recognizing the tremendous contributions of Dr. Michael Weiss as he is presented with the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award. Dr. Weiss, along with his wife, Ellen, and children, Emily and Zachary, provide an outstanding example of faith and family. It is especially appropriate that this honor is being bestowed at a ceremony also marking the 108th anniversary of the founding of Congregation Emmanu El.

CONGRATULATIONS TO W. KEN
MASSENGILL

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of Indiana's First Congressional District, W. Ken Massengill. On Saturday, June 5, 1999, Mr. Massengill, along with his friends and family, will celebrate his retirement from United Steelworkers of America (USWA), District 7. The celebration will take place at St. Elijah Serbian-American Hall in Merrillville, Indiana.

Ken Massengill has dedicated a substantial portion of his life to the betterment of union members and the community of Northwest Indiana, as well as the entire state.

Mr. Massengill's distinguished career in the labor movement has made his community, state, and nation a better place in which to live and work. For more than twenty-five years,

Mr. Massengill has served as an important figure as a member of the United Steel Workers of America. He has held several positions throughout his tenure, but none as important as Assistant Director of District 7, USWA, a position from which he retired in February of 1999.

As a union representative, Ken Massengill has held a variety of offices, ranging from union steward to Sub-District Director. In addition to his service to the union, he has devoted much of his time to community initiatives. Some of the activities Mr. Massengill has been involved with include: board member for both the Porter County and Michigan City United Way, Chairman of the Lake Area United Way Board of Trustees, member of the Indiana University Labor Studies Advisory Board, and President of the Indiana Unemployment Insurance Board. Additionally, he serves as the Indiana Steelworkers PEC Legislative Director, PAC Coordinator, and in 1994 was appointed by Former Governor Evan Bayh to the Indiana Port Commission where he currently served as the Chairman of the Port Commission.

On this special day, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Ken Massengill. His large circle of family and friends can be proud of the contributions this prominent individual has made. His work in the labor movement provided union workers in Northwest Indiana opportunities they might not have otherwise had. Mr. Massengill's leadership kept the region's labor force strong and helped keep America working. Those in the movement will surely miss Mr. Massengill's dedication and sincerity. I sincerely wish Ken Massengill a long, happy, and productive retirement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL R. NELSON, CHIEF DEPUTY U.S. MARSHAL FOR EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today in tribute to Michael R. Nelson, Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of California. As he celebrates his retirement, I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in saluting his outstanding public service career.

Mr. Nelson has been the Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of California for the past 10 years. He has overall responsibility for all operations and administrative programs within this major judicial district.

With almost 30 years of experience within the Marshals Service, Mr. Nelson has brought a vast range of knowledge, experience, and management skills to his current position as chief deputy.

His tenure in this position has been highlighted by his proactive approach to negotiating with local law enforcement agencies and jails. He has worked hard to eliminate most federal prisoner housing shortfalls within the Eastern District.

Mr. Nelson has always been concerned first and foremost with the safety of his deputy

U.S. Marshals. He has initiated several programs within the district to ensure that all personnel are properly trained and given the tools necessary to survive in a hostile confrontation or critical incident.

He has worked hard to implement policies which provide for greater survival, firearms, and simulation training for the deputy U.S. Marshals in his district. Mr. Nelson also created an award winning Special Response Team in the district. This team, with all of its special training, has won numerous competitions against other local, state, and federal agencies.

The district's Critical Response Team is another example of Chief Deputy Nelson's extraordinary management capabilities. This team works closely with the Marshals Human Resources Division and Employee Assistance Program to ensure that the needs of Marshals personnel are met following any critical incident.

In 1989, Mr. Nelson received the Marshals Service Director's Award for Outstanding Manager based on his innovative approach and great management skills. He has always been highly regarded by the local law enforcement community, the federal judiciary, and fellow employees alike.

I especially commend Mr. Nelson for his outstanding handling of the difficult logistics associated with the Unabomber Trial in Sacramento. U.S. Marshal Jerry Enomoto and Chief Deputy Nelson managed complex security arrangements with exceptional professionalism during this period.

While the new Federal Courthouse was being constructed in Sacramento, Mr. Nelson took an active role in making sure that the special requirements of the Marshals Service were included throughout the building. His thorough knowledge of the relevant security needs and on-site weekly inspections proved invaluable to the overall construction process.

Since taking over as Chief Deputy in 1990, Mr. Nelson has proved to be an excellent manager and budget officer. His prudent approach to budgeting limited resources is especially noteworthy.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Michael Nelson has been a great public servant in the Eastern District of California. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in thanking him for his exceptional service and wishing him every success in all of his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CHACELLA NEWTON

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate Ms. Chacella Newton upon her retirement from her position as Food Service Director for the Macomb Intermediate School District. Her friends and colleagues will honor her with a retirement party at the Macomb Intermediate School District on May 26, 1999.

Chacella Newton has dedicated her career to health and good nutrition. For nearly 40 years, Chacella has worked in the field of Di-

etetics. In 1960, she accepted her first position as the Director of Dietetics at Detroit's St. John Hospital. In 1967, Chacella took the position of Director of Dietetics at Alexander Blain Memorial Hospital. She worked there until 1978, when she accepted her current position as Food Services Director for the Macomb ISD.

Through her position with the Macomb Intermediate School District, Chacella has become known for her commitment to children's health. She has led a number of state and national programs to improve services offered in school lunch rooms. Chacella has also provided her valuable advice to others. Personally, I have relied on Chacella many times for her trustworthy opinions. Similarly, the food safety manual, when she wrote, has been sold in 16 states and used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Chacella Newton is also a person dedicated to her community. She currently serves on the boards of the Macomb Essential Transport Services, the Comprehensive Youth Services and the Mount Clemens Public Library. In addition, Chacella was the first African American woman to take a seat on the Mount Clemens School Board. She has also served as the President of the Michigan School Food Service Association.

It is my honor and my privilege to congratulate Chacella Newton on her retirement from the Macomb Intermediate School District, and wish her the best of luck for the future.

TRIBUTE TO TEMPLE BETH AHAVATH SHOLOM

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 1999

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to pay tribute to the members of Temple Beth Ahavath Shalom on the occasion of its Annual Journal Luncheon.

The members of Temple Beth Ahavath Shalom have long been known for their commitment to community service and to enhancing the quality of life for all New York City residents.

This year's luncheon is not only a festive happening, it is a chance for all of us to celebrate and pay tribute to a group of individuals who have dedicated their lives to helping others. This year's honorees truly represent the best of what our community has to offer.

Fran Arnowitz and her husband Manny have continuously surrounded themselves and their children in the warmth of Judaism through their involvement with Beth Shalom People's Temple and Temple Beth Ahavath Shalom. Following Beth Shalom People's Temple's consolidation with Temple Ahavath Shalom, Fran Arnowitz became the Temple's Treasurer, a post she still holds. Fran is widely regarded as a hard worker who has dedicated herself to addressing the needs of the Temple and its members.

Myron Klein, a long time member of Temple Ahavath Shalom prior to the consolidation, is a man who has distinguished himself through his service to the Temple that he loves. Myron